

16 February 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: COS

SUBJECT: Role of Research and Development Board, Department of Defense.

ENCLOSURE: Public Law 216--81st Congress

1. This is in regard to your request for information regarding the role of the Research and Development Board in the budgeting process and the Board's functions with respect to specific projects.

2. Through sources in the Bureau of the Budget I have been informed that the influence of the Board is increasing and that its effectiveness may be greater in the near future. The Board derives its authority from functions delegated to it by the Secretary of Defense. The comptroller within the Office of the Secretary of Defense relies heavily upon the Board for research and development advice.

3. The budget cycle involving the Board operates as follows:

a. Strategic guidance comes to the Board from a number of sources.

b. Board develops basic master plan for research and development.

c. Within the framework of master plan the three Services prepare budgets.

d. Research and development budgets prepared by the three Services are, then reviewed by Research and Development Board.

e. Board's recommendations then go to Secretary of Defense.

f. Secretary of Defense resolves differences between Board and the Services concerned.

g. After money is appropriated, Services must get Board approval before starting a project. In case of disagreement during this phase of the cycle, Secretary of Defense resolves the issues.

4. On page 7 of Public Law 216--81st Congress, attached, you will find legal authority for the existence of the Board.

5. I shall be pleased to go further into this matter upon request from you.

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ABSTRACT NOTATION REFERENCES

Explains legal authority for Board and role in budgetary process.

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